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NEGRO FUGITIVE LEAPS INTO RIVER.

Pursued by Officers and Citizens
for a Burglary, Henry Love
Attempts a Daring Escape.

HELD CAPTIVE IN A SCHOOLHOUSE.

Frank DeFee Had a Narrow Escape From Violence at Hands of Enemies.

BOAT'S CREW RESCUES HIM. THREATENED TO KILL HIM.

Dragged Ashore on a Grappling Hook, He Begs to Be Allowed to Die—Prisoner at the Hospital.

Friend Leaped Out of a Window, Summoned Help and Forced the Angry Crowd to Disperse.

Henry Love, a negro ex-slave, 19 years old, became so excited last night when confronted with arrest for robbing Morris Schim's saloon that he leaped into the river and bravely escaped drowning. About 8 o'clock Love walked by the shore. As he passed he cracked one of the show-case windows and took out a Smith & Wesson revolver, valued at \$8. The noise of the falling glass attracted the attention of Schim and he rushed to the street and saw the negro running south on the levee, under the shadow of the elevated railroad tracks.

Officer Flaherty, who was some distance south, heard Schim's calls and ran north in the direction whence they came, and met the negro. Headed off by his officer, Love turned and ran for the right at full speed. A race between the fugitive and the police ensued. The officer fired two shots at the negro, who had any other effect than to quicken his speed. Reaching a wharfboat the fugitive sped across its deck and plunged headlong into the river.

While in the water he leaped like a seal with his opponents close at his heels. He managed to get inside the building and bolted the door. His opponents, unable to gain admittance, held a council of war and decided to wait until De Fee ventured out.

The single voter who had remained on the inside, happened to belong to the De Fee forces. The imprisoned leader called on him for assistance. Fearing to attack the crowd on the outside De Fee's friend was succeeded in getting the troops summoned to help and he was released with the understanding that he would make no further effort to capture him. He grabbed the hook with firmness sufficient to enable the crew to pull him back to the shore.

As soon as Love reached dry land and was securely in the grip of Officer Flaherty he raved like a madman and insisted he must be put back in the water, as his life depended upon it, and had chosen that means for his end.

The pistol was recovered from his pockets. Love acted so peculiarly, however, that he was taken to the city Hospital and was given a sedative. When he awoke he was so wild that he had to be strapped to his cot. Doctor Amory said he didn't know whether Love was shamming or was drunk and really crazy. The doctor, "he is a very suspicious patient."

COLONEL F. G. OXLEY.

Will Not Recall Ships. Wealthy Citizen of Bridgeport, Alas., Passes Away.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 9.—Colonel F. G. Oxley, one of the best-known men in the commercial world of the South, died today at Bridgeport, Ala., of heart trouble.

He has had for thirty years the exclusive contract with the Standard Oil Company with slaves, and was sole owner of the Oxley Slave Company, known throughout Kentucky and Tennessee, and other Southern states.

He was also largely interested in mining companies, and a member of the New York Stock Exchange and Stock Exchange.

He was an astute man, and in view of the expected arrival at the Astoria station, within a fortnight, of Admirals Remond and Kortzfleisch and the members of the naval commission appointed to inspect the new ships, he was determined upon, and in view of the expected arrival at the Astoria station, within a fortnight, of Admirals Remond and Kortzfleisch and the members of the naval commission appointed to inspect the new ships, he was determined upon, and in view of the possibility of wholesale demands for protection of American interests from points on the mainland of Asia.

It is possible that a resolution of the naval commission will be influenced by the position of the Navy Department in the disposition of the ships in the East, much if it is not possible to give the necessary orders without instructions from Washington.

However that may be, it has been suggested that an American ship will be at hand to receive the same to no less than half a dozen distributed points on the mainland, which will serve as stations of supply in case of emergency.

At Hong-Kong there are now two vessels, and these are from time to time relieved by others needing about half way up the coast of China, the Tropicana will spend some time in dry dock. The Castine is undergoing repairs at Shanghai, and the Wheling is being in the mouth of the river at Taku, as far as the northern port.

LOCKED IN HER ROOM.

Mrs. Gerekin's Cries Attracted a Police Officer.

Mrs. Gerekin, 60 years old, was locked in her room at No. 8 North Eleventh street all day Monday, without food or water. She attracted the attention of Officer Kohrs of the Central District by calling to him from a window. She told the officer that her husband was Frederick W. Gerekin, who died recently as a clerk in the Hough Court.

For three days she said that she had had nothing to eat, and although she was sick and destitute, she did not want to go to the City Hospital.

FAIR TO BE OPEN ALL WEEK.

American Exhibits Will Be Displayed on Sundays.

Paris, April 9.—The French authorities have decided that all exhibits at the exposition are to be open to the public on Sundays, and the United States exhibits are to remain closed on that day. These exhibits are under cover in buildings erected by the French Government, over which the United States authorities have no control, the French having the right to do what they please.

The United States pavilion is not within this category and the question of its being opened or closed on Sunday has been referred to the Commission of Trade.

For the present, however, it will probably remain to-day or to-morrow half closed.

MILDALE ELEVATOR SOLD.

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 9.—The grain firm of Henry Heile & Sons has concluded a deal by which the elevator of the old Morgan Dry Company, in Mildale, Ky., will pass to that firm from the owners of the elevator.

Dallas County Sheriff.

Dallas, Tex., April 9.—John Cabell, who was elected Mayor of Dallas on April 2, resigned the office of Sheriff of Dallas County to-day. The commissioners court at once elected Lee McGehee to succeed Mr. Cabell, to fill the vacancy. Mr. Cabell will be installed as Mayor on May 1.

REACHED AN AGREEMENT.

Indianapolis Strikers Have Returned to Work.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 9.—The men employed in the building trades in Indianapolis were at work to-day. The union carpenters and the contractors came to an agreement Saturday night. The men are to receive 30 cents an hour for eight hours' work, pay and a half for overtime and double pay for work done on holidays.

The union plumbers and the members of the Master Plumbers' Association reached an agreement Saturday night.

FAREWELL DINNER TO E. P. BRYAN.

Meets the Official Family of the St. Louis Terminal Association.

SPEECHES AND A LOVING CUP.

Distinguished Gathering at Union Station to Honor Its General Manager—General Railroad News.

In the grand dining-hall of the Terminal Hotel at Union Station last night the "social family" of the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis tendered E. P. Bryan, the retiring vice-president and general manager, a farewell banquet. The assemblage represented the heads of the various departments of the St. Louis and Merchants' Bridge associations, together with several invited guests. The list embraced the following railway officials:

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